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1. APPRECIATE VERY HELPFUL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS SENT REFTEL.

2. STOITCHKOV'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. JANUARY 13 MEETINGS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
(ASST SECY RICHARDSON AND DEPY ASST SECY ARMITAGE) AND PRO-
GRAMMING AGENCY.

B. JANUARY 14-15 PROGRAMMED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTA-
TION. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY BARNUM.
MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS (TRANSPORTATION POLICY
DEVELOPMENT, FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, ST. LAWRENCE
SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, U.S.
COAST GUARD; OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ANALYSIS).

C. JANUARY 16 MEETING WITH NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTA-
TION COMMISSION (INCLUDING AN EARLY MORNING RIDE ALONG NEW
BUS LANE ON INTERSTATE 95 INTO THE DISTRICT); MEETINGS AND
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WORKING LUNCH WITH AMTRAK OFFICIALS; D.C. DEPARTMENT OF

MOTOR VEHICLES.

D. JANUARY 17 WORKING LUNCH WITH METRO OFFICIALS AND
TOUR OF METRO'S TUNNELS AND STATIONS; CONFER WITH
AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS;

3. JANUARY 18 DEPART WASHINGTON VIA METROLINER TO
PHILADELPHIA AND FLY TO CHICAGO FOR REMAINDER OF PROGRAM
WHICH WILL INCLUDE SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND NEW
YORK.

3. STOITCHKOV, ON ARRIVAL, INFORMED PROGRAM AGENCY THAT
HE WOULD BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN US FOR ONLY THREE WEEKS.
THIS NECESSITATED ADJUSTMENTS IN PROGRAM WHICH HAD BEEN
ARRANGED FOR FULL 30-DAY GRANT. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT
HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO STAY FOR
LONGER PERIOD, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW IN ADVANCE THE
EXACT LENGTH OF STAY PLANNED BY THE IV SO AS TO AVOID
HAVING TO CANCEL PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH EXTREMELY
BUSY U.S. COUNTERPARTS.

4. POST IS REMINDED THAT PROVISIONS OF 6 FAM APPLY TO
ALL TRAVELLERS TRAVELLING UNDER U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS
AND NOT ONLY TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. KISSINGER

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